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BRYAN 1944 BIRTHDAY FUND

It is the custom for many Bryan University friends to make special gifts to the University in memory of William Jennings Bryan at the time of his birthday anniversary, March the nineteenth. Personal friends of the Great Commoner find this a convenient time to pay their respects to one who meant so much to them.

This year, in inviting friends to make special Bryan birthday gifts, we are again emphasizing our debt-paying program. A percentage of all general gift income throughout the year is applied to debts. The larger our income the greater the proportion that is paid on debts. Anyone, wishing all of his gift to be applied to debt reduction, may so request in making remittance. Already this year, several designated gifts, including one \$500.00 gift, have been received for payment of debts. Year by year since 1933 our debts have been reduced, and now we see the possibility of their complete liquidation. Let us pray and give to this end.

RECREATION ROOM AND OTHER PROJECTS

A number of the men students at Bryan have been devoting a portion of their time to the construction of a recreation room in one section of the Administration Building. The project is sponsored by the Student Council, and equipment and furnishings are being purchased by them through donations of students, staff members and friends of the University.

Construction consists of laying tile and fitting windows to enclose the room. Spring vacation has been appointed as the time for completion.

Since January 1st, students have also laid tile for the enclosure of a work shop in the Administration Building, and as soon as the recreation room is finished, they intend to enclose space for a laundry room. When this is done, the ground floor of the Administration building will be completely enclosed.—C. W. B.



Bryan — Defender of the Faith

FAITH

Faith exerts a controlling influence over our lives. If it is argued that works are more important than faith, I reply that faith comes first, works afterwards. Until one believes, he does not act, and in accordance with his faith, so will be his deeds. Man needs the inner strength that comes from faith in God and belief in His constant presence.

Man needs faith in God, therefore, to strengthen him in his hours of trial, and he needs it to give him courage to do the work of life. How can one fight for a principle unless he believes in the triumph of the right? How can he believe in the triumph of the right if he does not believe that God stands back of the truth and that God is able to bring victory to truth? The man of faith, believing that every word spoken for truth will have its influence and that no blow struck for righteousness is struck in vain, fights on without asking whether he is to fall in the beginning of the battle or to live to join in the shouts of triumph. He knows not whether he is to live for the truth or to die for it, and if he has the faith he ought to have, he is as ready to die for it as to live for it.

—William Jennings Bryan.

SMALLER COLLEGES FACING A CRISIS

Two things have conspired to bring about a serious condition on the campus of the average private school, especially one that is not heavily endowed. One of these is the centralization of powers in the hands of the General Education Board which becomes all along a more autocratic governor in the field of higher education. Because of its standards, many of which have been based largely upon financial considerations and in no way concern the quality of teaching done in a college, the demands made upon the average small school for equipment, faculty, limited hours of service by faculty members and other things create a burden it cannot meet. We have had, therefore, during recent years the farcical spectacle of small colleges, trying to goosestep to the orders of this educational autocrat while resorting to various subterfuges in order to avoid inescapable deficits in operating expenses; or else incurring indebtedness about which repeated cries during the past half century have so hardened the hearts of the supporters that today it is difficult to retain their sympathy or arouse any great concern among them about paying the debts.

The other cause of growing danger for the small college is the too frequent unconcern of the faculty and board of control for the rights of the people who created the institution and are expected to support it. One does not have to go very far to discover what the inevitable reaction of any denominational group will be to appeals for help in supporting a college, when that college has turned against the basic doctrines and principles of the churches. Academic Freedom is demanded on every hand by members of faculties and boards of trustees, and by all who want to see the small colleges die. It never seems to occur to those who clamor so loudly for academic freedom that there is such a thing as academic honor which college professors of all grades should keep in mind. When our denominational schools swing entirely away from the fallacious idea

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LOOKING BACKWARD

AND FORWARD

The thought of a university founded to preserve the memory of so zealous a Christian and statesman as William Jennings Bryan is a noble one. To look to the past in honoring such a leader is commendable. However, from our vantage point it is possible to look two ways and evaluate Bryan University from the viewpoint of a memorial to a person and a past event, and as a potential power for God in the working out of His eternal plans and purposes.

It is not enough to found an institution on some past event or utterance of genius; we must have a forward vision. Although every truth-loving Christian must necessarily respond to conquests of the past, he must also, to be consistent, respond in a greater degree to the challenge of the future. The past is a thrilling memory; the future is a commanding charge, for in it lies the molding of lives for time and eternity.

An institution founded on a memory may become a stagnant organization; one that has as its God-given purpose the regeneration and molding of lives will become absorbed in the better accomplishment of that purpose. God working through an institution makes of it a living organism.

To look backward to view the accomplishments of the past may be an inspiration, but to look forward with God to what Bryan University shall be is our constraining motive of service.—V. S.

FAITH

"Have faith in God."—Mark 11:22.
Doubt sees the obstacles—

Faith sees the way!
Doubt sees the darkest night—
Faith sees the day!

Doubt dreads to take a step—

Faith soars on high,
Doubt questions—"Who believes?"
Faith answers—"I!"
—F. M. N., "Prophecy."

NEGLECTED RURAL
AMERICA

At a Chapel service on February 25, the students of Bryan University were introduced to the Christian Business and Professional Women of America as an organization, through the visit of the Chairman, Mrs. Helen Duff Baugh. With the motto, "Living Christ in the Business World: Preaching Christ in Rural America," this group has grown steadily since its inception in 1939.

The work sponsored includes a visitation program in which every home in a given town is reached. The program is carried to communities where there are no religious services, and the results are gratifying. Many closed churches have been opened as a result of the ministry of the lady evangelists, although they do not pastor the churches, but renew the interest to the extent that pastors again take over the work.

This movement has spread to twelve councils in nine states. It is interdenominational in its scope and is carried on by faith.

Many Bryan girls interviewed Mrs. Baugh and Miss Miriam Bracken, secretary, who accompanied her.

SMALLER COLLEGES

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that they exist merely to supplement the work being done by state institutions of higher learning, and turn to advocate and propagate with whole-hearted enthusiasm and complete loyalty the basic doctrines and polity of their supporting religious groups, we may hope to see a turn in the tendency to care less and less about maintaining such schools.

There is but one course that can save the small school and that is for it to return to its proper place in the educational world and put primary emphasis upon two major matters: (1) Development of the physical man, including the brain; (2) development of the spiritual man, including heart as well as mind, both of which must be directed toward God, or else the pupil will be left with no more than pagan concepts about responsibilities, opportunities and rewards.

Three imperatives must come up for serious consideration by faculties and all others who wish to see the small school survive the catastrophic upheaval which is now beginning to disconcert the social world, and which will turn loose in full force once the war is over and the millions of men

in uniforms begin to return to their places at home. The college that overlooks these had as well begin to plan its obsequies, for it will most surely die.

1. *Return to emphasis upon character development.* We name this first, because it is most significant. There is no excuse whatever for an appeal to people to give their money for the support of a college, when that institution provides no more for you than does the institution which is supported by taxes. Since the average person—even church members—pays taxes with far less pain than he will give to the Lord's work, it is readily seen that to expect support by them for an institution that has no unique contribution to make to their welfare and to the welfare of their children will be foolish.

2. *Return to development of brains.* One of the movements which have brought a debacle in the entire world of higher education and turned out of the colleges a host of men and women who have no definite concern about the moral condition of the land has been the "softening-up" system whereby students have been allowed to evade difficult subjects and in turn to "ride ponies," listen to lectures, choose "snap courses," memorize enough to pass examinations, and to run at large on campus and about town. *Creative genius is God-given; but ability to be a creative genius is determined by the teaching and training which the child of creative genius receives during the formative years.* Removing ancient languages, mathematics (especially mental arithmetic for juveniles) and all such inevitably results in the slow but steady depreciation of the mental products turned out of any institution of learning. Removing physical restraints inevitably results in lowering moral standards with the consequent growth in degeneracy.

3. *Make Higher Education Mean Something.* As long as our colleges are thought of primarily as places where fraternities, athletics—which usually means intercollegiate football—and all kinds of dances and other debasing amusements are to be enjoyed, what is there to keep the denominational school from falling under the ban? There are few people who will pay from two to five hundred dollars extra per year merely to have their children go to a denominational college, unless that school offers what cannot be secured in a tax-supported institution.—*Western Recorder.*

Bryan University

C. S. A.

"Preach the Word: be instant in season, out of season." II Tim. 4:2.

Faculty and students of Bryan University are grateful for the privilege of preaching the Word in the mountains and in surrounding villages. Through many open doors we go out into schools, homes, small chapels, large churches, jails, reform schools, and even on the streets to tell others of our Wonderful Saviour and of the miraculous salvation which is free only by His death on the cross.

Under the direction of Professor Levengood, seventeen different groups of students go out at various times during the week. We count it not as a duty, but as happiness and joy to go forth in answer to the Lord's command in Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

There are eight groups who go out on Sunday mornings to small chapels around Dayton. The services are conducted by twenty-two students and four faculty members who are blessed each Lord's Day as the people sing, pray, and worship with them. Many students take part in Dayton churches by preaching, leading in the song services, and the teaching of Sunday School classes.

Special blessing to all is the jail work, reform school and street meetings. In these, we see the Lord working in a mighty way to save souls. By an outward confession from men, women, and children, we know of around forty-four who have accepted Him as Saviour this year.

Often many difficulties are encountered, but we turn to "Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us." Eph. 3:20.

We praise His name for working all things out to His glory and honor.
—L. H.

UNBELIEF IN PRAYER

A Quaker, speaking in the open-air, was opposed by a man who ridiculed the idea that there was a God who answered prayer. The Quaker stopped and asked the troubler quickly, "Friend, dost thou pray?" "No, not I," was the reply. "Then what dost thou know about it!" said the Quaker.

Science can find the way the heavens go, but not the way to go to heaven.—Tucker.

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FRIEND OF YOUTH MOVEMENT

In accordance with the announcement given in last month's NEWS-ETTE, Dr. Rudd made his scheduled trip into ten eastern cities during the first part of February, speaking of the beginnings of the University, and the famous Scopes Evolution trial held in Dayton in 1925, which resulted in the organization of the Bryan University. The trip was made and the messages given to stimulate interest in the new Bryan Friend of Youth Movement. A number of gentlemen resident in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, and Ohio were approached by Dr. Rudd on the matter of becoming state counsellors.

A well-known lady, a true friend of Bryan, is considering the matter of the Tennessee state counsellorship. This lady has requested a copy of the letter being sent out by the Counsellor of Pennsylvania, Mr. Lloyd B. Hershey, and his secretary, Mrs. Brubaker, both of Lancaster, to their district directors. It is possible that such a letter will be the basis of such communications in other states. By the April issue we should, with the Lord's help, have some definite word regarding a number of state organizations. This is told to indicate that the Movement will gradually become effective in the entire eastern and part of the southern areas.

We will be glad to hear from any of our friends who will be willing to assist in this plan to institute prayer chapters in villages, in large and small cities, and in local churches; and in the awarding of scholarships to worthy young people who would not otherwise have the assistance they need to secure a college education. It was announced before in these columns, that two annual scholarships will be awarded to each divisional area that functions under the plan of the Movement. Bryan Volunteers, who are the nucleus around and

through whom the local chapters function, are appointed by the president of the University annually, and it is they who have the privilege not only of giving leadership to the chapter and its program during the year, but they are the ones who make the nominations for the scholarships, selecting their candidates from the young people of their chapter area. The University will extend special recognition to Bryan Volunteers who give of their time and energy in the interest of the young people of their neighborhood. The University has prepared a bulletin which serves as a short prospectus of the Movement; and another bulletin which is a series of suggestions as to the manner in which the chapter should be organized and conducted. These two bulletins may be had on application to the University.

Appended to this article, and made a part of it, is the same form which appeared in the February issue of the NEWS-ETTE, in which the friends who desire to become more definitely a part of the Bryan family may indicate their particular interests. It is hoped that a great many of those who receive the NEWS-ETTE will avail themselves of this privilege by filling out the form and sending it in to the University. If you have any friends to whom you wish us to send the NEWS-ETTE, or who would like to have a form to sign, just send the names to the office, and a NEWS-ETTE or a copy of the special form will be sent to each.

Now, please do not lay the NEWS-ETTE down and say to yourself that others will take care of these matters. Kindly make a present decision that you will have a part in this forward project of the University; affix your signature and send the blank to the office *now*. We do this for commercial concerns. Shall we not do as much for God's work at Bryan University?

I am interested in William Jennings Bryan University, and

- () Wish to be enrolled as a prayer warrior in a local chapter
- () Am willing to assist in promoting the program of the Youth Movement if there is a place where I may function. Please send me details.
- () Am interested in receiving the monthly prayer letter published by the University.
- () Am interested in receiving the Sunday School lessons published by the University.
- () Am interested in receiving literature for prospective students.

Name.....

Address.....

Street, City, Zone, State

THE TITHER'S SURPRISE THE CHRISTIAN WHO BE- GINS TO TITHE will have at least six surprises. He will be surprised—

1. At the amount of money he has for the Lord's work.
2. At the ease in meeting his own obligations with the nine-tenths.
3. At the deepening of his spiritual life in paying the tithe.
4. At the ease in going from one-tenth to larger giving.
5. At the prudent disposal afforded to a faithful and wise steward over the nine-tenths that remain.
6. At himself in not adopting the plan sooner. —Christian Digest.

Sam's Summary

Dear Friends:

"Ask and ye shall receive . . ."
But we are to ask of God! Perhaps we haven't been faithful enough in prayer this month; or perhaps God has some other lesson to teach us. Nevertheless, the folks here join me in saying "thank you" to all who have prayed or who have given, in this month and the months gone by.

Yours, working for Him,

Sam

EDWARD BRIGHAM PRESENTS CONCERT

It was a pleasant and profitable diversion for students and teachers of the University to forget their exams and enjoy an evening of song and dramatic reading presented by Edward Brigham, the evening of February 10.

We appreciated Mr. Brigham's original interpretation of each song as well as his unusual rendition of "The Fool's Prayer," and "All the World's a Stage" from *As You Like It*. Several of his well-known solos were "By the Waters of the Minnetonka," "All Through the Night," "The Lord's Prayer," and his own composition, "A Prayer."

The climax of the evening was his presentation of the dramatic monologue "Galian" by Virginia Doss. Galian, the Roman soldier whose lot had won the seamless robe of Christ, remembered the loving humility of Jesus who had been crucified just the day before. Suddenly, a deep feeling of remorse filled his heart; he realized that Jesus was the Christ! Then a ray of hope broke into his sorrowful meditation. If Jesus had forgiven the thief on the cross, why would He not forgive Galian? So Galian found real peace in Christ.

All of us were deeply impressed and uplifted by the recital, and hope to have the pleasure of hearing him again. —B. S.

A TOUCH OF FUN

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" you have heard many times before; the Seniors seemed to have something like that in mind when they had their "Treasure Hunt." We observed the Seniors and their honored guests decked out in all sorts of hiking attire chasing around in the most unexpected places all afternoon. When we encountered the first few struggling in after their hamburger supper at the oven, we were inclined to believe that the "treasure" had been onions.

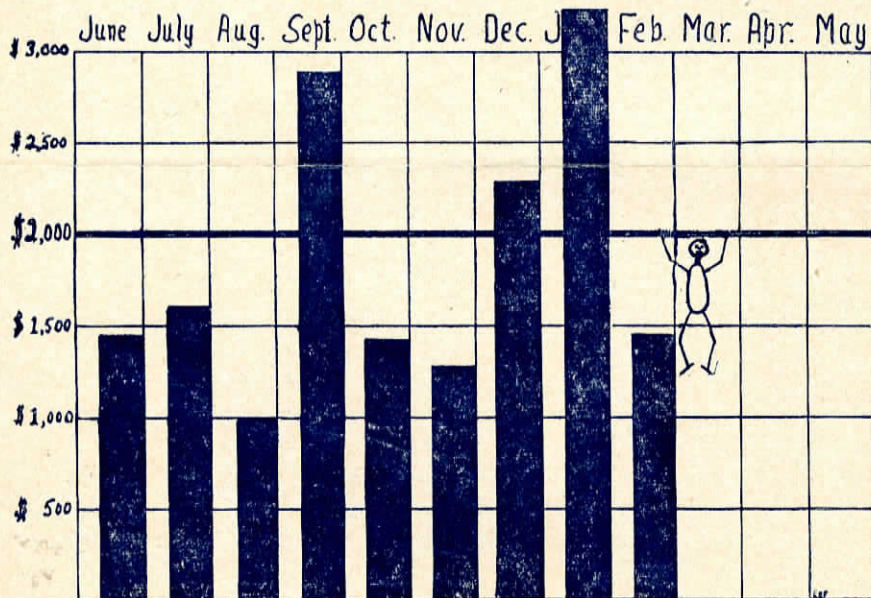
Then, too, we were all made to remember February the fourteenth by an amusing party given the Saturday night before Valentine day. A very humorous highlight of the evening was the dramatization of a courtship in Red Heart Valley.

We are all thankful for the times when we can lay aside our Greek and algebra for a few minutes, while we remember that "a merry heart doeth good like a medicine." —E. K.

February Gift Receipts

1744	.....\$ 5.00	1780	..... 1.00	1816	..... 5.00	1852	..... 5.00
1745	..... 10.00	1781	..... 2.00	1817	..... 5.00	1853	..... 2.00
1746	..... 50.00	1782	..... 1.00	1818	..... 1.00	1854	..... 1.00
1747	..... 25.00	1783	..... 10.00	1819	..... 10.00	1855	..... 13.41
1748	..... 10.00	1784	..... 50.00	1820	..... 2.00	1856	..... 72.50
1749	..... 5.00	1785	..... 10.00	1821	..... 1.00	1857	..... 37.00
1750	..... 5.00	1786	..... 5.00	1822	..... 1.00	1858	..... 5.40
1751	..... 5.00	1787	..... 5.00	1823	..... 1.00	1859	..... 11.13
1752	..... 10.00	1788	..... 5.00	1824	..... 1.00	1860	..... 23.00
1753	..... 1.00	1789	..... 50.00	1825	..... 1.00	1861	..... 40.00
1754	..... 1.00	1790	..... 2.00	1826	..... 1.00	1862	..... 27.05
1755	..... 9.73	1791	..... 1.00	1827	..... 1.00	1863	..... 2.00
1756	..... 1.00	1792	..... 10.00	1828	..... 1.00	1864	..... 2.00
1757	..... 1.00	1793	..... 1.00	1829	..... 1.00	1865	..... 5.00
1758	..... 10.00	1794	..... 2.00	1830	..... 2.00	1866	..... 35.25
1759	..... 5.00	1795	..... 35.00	1831	..... 2.00	1867	..... 5.00
1760	..... 5.00	1796	..... 2.00	1832	..... 2.00	1868	..... 5.00
1761	..... 2.00	1797	..... 2.00	1833	..... 1.00	1869	..... 10.00
1762	..... 5.00	1798	..... 2.00	1834	..... 2.00	1870	..... 5.00
1763	..... 25.00	1799	..... 1.00	1835	..... 1.00	1871	..... 6.65
1764	..... 1.00	1800	..... 2.00	1836	..... .50	1872	..... 5.00
1765	..... 5.00	1801	..... 1.00	1837	..... 2.00	1873	..... 10.00
1766	..... 5.00	1802	..... 1.00	1838	..... 2.00	1874	..... 43.27
1767	..... 10.00	1803	..... 5.00	1839	..... 1.00	1875	..... 5.00
1768	..... 5.00	1804	..... 1.00	1840	..... 3.00	1876	..... 86.00
1769	..... 3.00	1805	..... 1.00	1841	..... 12.00	1877	..... 3.00
1770	..... 16.00	1806	..... 4.00	1842	..... 5.00	1878	..... 25.00
1771	..... 1.00	1807	..... 5.00	1843	..... 10.00	1879	..... 5.00
1772	..... 1.00	1808	..... 50.00	1844	..... 1.00	1880	..... 2.00
1773	..... 1.00	1809	..... 5.00	1845	..... 200.00	1881	..... 2.00
1774	..... 10.00	1810	..... 3.00	1846	..... 1.00	1882	..... 5.00
1775	..... 10.00	1811	..... 5.00	1847	..... 3.00	1883	..... 25.00
1776	..... 1.00	1812	..... 10.00	1848	..... 50.00		
1777	..... 5.00	1813	..... 5.00	1849	..... 5.00		
1778	..... 5.00	1814	..... 1.00	1850	..... 5.00		
1779	..... 2.00	1815	..... 5.00	1851	..... 2.00		

Total\$1,446.89



Total to date.....\$16,528.51